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SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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1. SECURITY FORCES HAVE PUSHED THEIR SEARCH FOR NUFF GUERILLAS OVER PAST MONTH WITH CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS, MOST NOTABLY KILLING OF REPUTED GUERILLA LEADER GUY HAREWOOD (REF A). SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HAREWOOD'S BROTHER AND FOUR OTHERS IN HIDING WITH HIM WERE ARRESTED, HELPING SWELL TOTAL OF PERSONS RECENTLY CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO AS MANY AS 80, ACCORDING TO ONE NEWSPAPER ESTIMATE. RECENT POLICE SUCCESSES IN NORTH TRINIDAD HAVE LARGELY BEEN IN URBAN AREAS, INDICATING FAIRLY SATISFACTORY POLICE INTELLIGENCE FROM CAPTURED GUERILLAS. MEANWHILE, SPATE OF SNIPER ATTACKS ON POLICEMEN IN SOUTH TRINIDAD AND MAJOR ARMED ROBBERIES INDICATE GUERILLA OR WELL-ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ELEMENTS ARE STILL OPERATING.

2. GOTT HAS ADHERED TO LEGAL PROCEDURES DURING SEARCH FOR CRIMINALS AND PERMITTED A PUBLIC FUNERAL FOR GUY HAREWOOD. SPONSORED BY AN AMORPHOUS GROUP OF "THE BROTHERS," IT WAS ATTENDED BY HUNDREDS OF THE CURIOUS. LEFT-WING PERSONAGES SUCH AS MILITANT LABOR LEADER GEORGE WEEKES AND FORMER CONFIDENTIAL

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3. ANNOUNCED RETIREMENT OF WILLIAMS, CALLS BY PROMINENT LEADERS FOR RECONCILIATION, AND POLICE SUCCESSES APPEAR TO HAVE UNDERCUT GUERILLA THREAT FOR NOW. NEVERTHELESS, THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TENSIONS THAT SPAWNED NUFF CONTINUE AND WILL HAVE TO BE DEALTH WITH BY WHOEVER REPLACES DR. WILLIAMS. FOR THE MOMENT NUFF APPEARS REDUCED TO MINOR THREAT CAPABLE OF ONLY SPORADIC ISOLATED TERRORISM. MARSHALL

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